Week 10, we finally made it! Words cannot express the gratitude I have for all the staff, parents and students who gave so generously of their time on the weekend to help during our Working Bee. Some people dropped off food if they were unable to be here, some spent a few hours and a great many spent both days here! I entered the school hearing squeals of delight and that was just the staff! Thank you to everyone for your wonderful contribution to the weekend, I am very blessed to work in a great community like Darlington!

Check the P&C Facebook page for some great pics of the weekend: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/253101788067191/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/253101788067191/)

**STAR STUDENTS:**
Each week a class will update their page on our website this week the Frog class have done a wonderful update for you to view:

**Parent/community forum night:**
Wednesday 17th September 6pm, here is your opportunity to participate in developing a shared vision for Darlington and join in the planning processes for our school for the next three years.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Dear Parents
We have noticed a number of children being left at school on their own at 8am. Please note there is NO SUPERVISION for children before 8:30am. We have had a good response from parents so far and are trying to work out numbers to make this happen.

Please indicate below & return to the office, if you would be interested in before school care for a small fee:
YES, I am interested in Before School Care
Name:__________________________
Child/class:______________________
Child/class:______________________
Child/class:______________________
Our well wishes for our Koori Dance group who will be performing this week at the State Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre

“If I cannot fly, let me sing”
Stephen Sondheim

Boys Vocal Workshop—Caringbah 1 September
The Arts Initiatives Boys Vocal Workshop is a project specifically designed to give boys the opportunity to explore and discover vocal techniques and songs whilst engaging in singing with others.
The one day workshop aimed at developing vocal skills with industry professionals and allowed students to interact with other male vocalists from around the state.
Vocal Tutor—Peter Lehner
A well respected musician, conductor, actor and performer. Peter has worked in many different sectors of the community and appeared in many theatrical productions and television roles in shows such as Home and Away and A Country Practice. He was named in the 2009 Sydney Morning Herald “Top 100 Influential People” and has worked in the production of performances by Deltra Goodrem and Ricki-Lee to name just a few.
UNHCR DAY

On Wednesday 10th Matilda and D’Arcy Cooper Ayres, announced the winners of their UNHCR Day jellybean competition. The winner was Ruby Paddon-Row from the year 2 dingoos. There were 780 jellybeans in the jar. The whole school, wore blue and white, and brought a donation for UNHCR, which went to help people in Iraq.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) works to help refugees, and this time, they are helping the people in Iraq, who were trapped in Sinjar Mountain by the IS (Islamic State). UNHCR is helping by giving food and water, and occasionally smuggling people out. UNHCR estimates that there are about 20,000 to 30,000 people trapped there.

Matilda and D’Arcy should be congratulated for their efforts to assist other less fortunate than themselves. The money that they have raised will go a long way to helping others. Well done!

By Peter Wobke
LOCAL LEADERS COURSE

Do you go out and welcome new people in the community?
Do you care and have time for others? Do you have an interest in cultural diversity?

Ultimo TAFE Outreach is running this FREE 10 week course

This course assists you to become a support to other parents in your school and community

Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm at Alexandria Park Community Centre, starting October 8
- Free child minding
- Morning tea.
- This course is certified, a great addition to your resume.

Topics covered include:
- Understanding culture & values
- Conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, accidental counselling-debriefing, active listening
- Identifying personal learning styles
- Developing a community support resource/toolkit
- Understanding the school curriculum

For more information or to book into the course contact Jo at connectredfern@yahoo.com.au or 93193207

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GLEBE SCHOOLS COMMUNITY CENTRE
A FAMILY CENTRE FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN
DARLINGTON FETE VOLUNTEER FORM

Can you help? The Darlington Fete is on Saturday 25th of October and we need as many hands on deck as possible to make it all work! Please complete the form to indicate your availability and what you can do.

Do you have a preferred time when you are available?
   Yes
   No

Please indicate which time you prefer...
   Set up 8.00 – 10
   Morning 10 – 12
   Peak 12 – 2
   Afternoon pack up 2 - 5
   Any time
   I’ll be there all day

Can you help in the week before the fete? Jobs include wrapping prizes, printing silent auction sheets, making signs for stalls, picking up supplies etc
   Yes
   No

Are you available on the afternoon of Friday 24th October to help set up?
   Yes
   No

Do you have a preference for a stall you would like to work on?
   Yes
   No

I would like to volunteer on...
   The BBQ
   Amusements (selling tickets)
   Drinks stall
   Karaoke

Other
_____________________________________________________

Your name: _____________________________________________________________

Your preferred contact details: _____________________________________________________________

Thanks for letting us know!
Please put in the Darlington Volunteer Form Box in front office.
FINNS FUNNIES:
What’s black and white and can’t be seem to print my jokes right?
- the school bulle...

What’s green and smells like eucalyptus?
- koala poop

Reduce, reuse, recycle
Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

Have a great week and remember:


Liz Sinnott
Principal

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Darlington Public School P&C Association on
Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/groups/253101788067191/
Email:  darlo.parents@hotmail.com
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- Start of Term 4 World Space Week: 7 Oct
- P & C: 8 Oct
- Anti-Poverty Week: 13 Oct
- FETE: 24 Oct this Saturday 25th
- Children’s Week National Water Week: 20 Oct
- Public Speaking Competition Surf-Ed Yr 5/6 Bondi: 21 Oct
- Combined Dance Spectacular International School Libraries Day: 27 Oct
- Combined Dance Spectacular: 28 Oct
- Australia’s Kindness Day: 6 Nov
- Walk to Work Day: 7 Nov
- Rememberance Day: 11 Nov
- P & C: 12 Nov
- Staff Development Day: 18 Dec
- End of Term 4: 16 Jan
- Staff Development Day: 19 Jan
- Yr 5/6 Camp P & C: 10 Dec
- Yr 5/6 Camp: 11 Dec
- Yr 5/6 Camp: 12 Dec
- Yr 6 Zoo Snooze: 15 Jan
- Staff Development Day: 18 Jan
- Teacher’s Day: 31 Oct
- Schools Spectacular: 28 Jan
- Schools Spectacular: 29 Jan
- International Volunteers Day: 4 Jan
- Yr 5/6 Camp P & C: 10 Dec
- Yr 5/6 Camp: 11 Dec
- Yr 5/6 Camp: 12 Dec
- Yr 6 Zoo Snooze: 15 Jan
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